(d) In view of (c) abqve, question does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. The supply of CNG for vehicles has progressively increased with the expansion in the CNG outlets in these cities.

Reinstatement of suspended Engineers by EIL

73. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "EIL suspends 60 engineers" which appeared in the Pioneer, New Delhi on 22nd January, 2001;

(b) whether the services of engineers have been suspended ignoring the recommendation of High Powered Committee urging EIL to absorb them;

(c) if so, what has prompted EIL for taking decision contrary to the High Powered Committee;

(d) whether majority of engineers suspended belong to the State of Gujarat where earthquake has left people in the lurch; and

(e) whether EIL would reconsider their decision and re-appoint the suspended engineers forthwith and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No contract engineer has been suspended by Engineers India Limited (EIL). Services of contracts engineers, who were recruited for specified period to meet the short-term requirement, came to an end on completion of contract period/ extended period or foreclosure of contract period as per terms and conditions of their appointment.

Recommendations/observations contained in the Second Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) (1999-2000) in so far as representation on behalf of all contracts employees of EIL is concerned, are being processed.

(d) Recruitment and separation of contract engineers on completion of contract period/extended period or foreclosure of contract as per terms and conditions of their appointment is on all India basis and not on the basis of domicile of any specific State (including Gujarat).

(e) EIL has decided that 50% of vacancies/requirements of Management Trainees will be filled on an annual basis from contract engineers working in the Company or who have left the services of the Company on account of completion of contract period/ foreclosure of contract and meeting the selection criteria.

Supply of CNG to Delhi

74. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deadline fixed for converting all existing autorickshaws, taxis and buses plying on diesel and petrol to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the step taken to increase the supply of CNG to cope with the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hon'ble Supreme Court of India *vide* order No. JT 1988(5)SC211 dated 28.7.98 fixed the dead line for conversion of:

— Replacement of all pre 1990 autos and taxis with new vehicles on clean fuels by 31.3.2000.

— No 8 year old buses to ply except on CNG or other clean fuels by 1.4.2000.

— Entire city bus fleet (DTC and private) to be steadily converted to single fuel mode on CNG by 31.3.2001.

(c) Out of 80 CNG outlets required to be set up in Delhi,